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1. FROM OUR FILES AND FROM CHARGE'S CONVERSATION WITH
ISRAELI DCM WE HAVE COMPLIED FOLLOWING DATA IN RESPONSE
TO DEPARTMENT'S QUERY:

A. JULY REPRESENTATION LIST. OF TOTAL 337 CASES (EST. 801
PERSONS) ON JULY REPRESENTATION LIST (PERKINS/DUNLOP LETTER OF
JULY 12), FAVORABLE ACTION TAKEN ON 26 CASES (47 PERSONS).
BREAKDOWN OF THOSE ACTIONS, ACCORDING TO FOUR CATEGORIES
OF JULY LIST, IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS - 9 CASES (15 PERSONS)
 PASSPORTS ISSUED - 6 CASES (10 PERSONS)
 PASSPORTS APPROVED BUT NOT ISSUED - 3 CASES (5 PERSONS)
2. NON-PREFERENCE - 6 CASES (13 PERSONS)
3. MARRIAGES - 8 APPROVALS (8 PERSONS)
4. HUMANITARIAN CASES (DUAL NATIONALS) - 3 CASES (11 PERSONS)

B. ISRAELI IMMIGRATION. ISRAELI DCM TOLD CHARGE SEPTEMBER 6
THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY FIGURES REFLECTED 239 DIRECT DEPARTURES
FOR ISRAEL IN AUGUST. TO ARRIVE AT TOTAL ROMANIAN IMMIGRATION
TO ISRAEL, INCLUDING THOSE ENTERING ISRAEL THROUGH
THIRD COUNTRIES, AVGAR ESTIMATES THAT ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT
WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED.

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C. U.S. IMMIGRATION. EMBASSY IV ISSUANCE FOR AUGUST WAS 78.

2. COMMENT. ASIDE FROM POSITIVE ACTION ON MARRIAGES, WHICH INDEED WELCOME, ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE, AS MEASURED IN TERMS OF ACTION ON OUR JULY REPRESENTATION LIST, IS SUPERFICIALLY NONE TOO ENCOURAGING.

WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE TWO MITIGATING FACTORS:

NORMAL LAG IN ROMANIAN RESPONSE TIME COMPOUNDED BY SLOWDOWN OCCASIONED BY AUGUST VACATION PERIOD.

LESS QUANTITATIVE BUT VALID IS FACT THAT OUR OWN CONSULAR WORKLOAD CONTINUES AT ABOUT PACE OF RECENT MONTHS. WE THEREFORE FEEL THAT PRESENT LEVEL OF IV ISSUANCE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THROUGH END OF OCTOBER. CHARGE ALSO NOTED HEAVIER THAN NORMAL ACTIVITY IN CONSULAR WAITING ROOM OF ISRAELI EMBASSY YESTERDAY.

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